Dear Jerry, 4/30/89

I don't know that I gave you copies of the earlier correspondence with Tony Summers referred to in the attached but I think I did tell you of the arrangement we made and on which he did not perform.

At my suggestion we each taped it. Lil has my set of these tapes.

In return for his getting me help in completing The King Conspiracies he was to get first use of the materials I have for it if I were not able to complete it. I am now not clear on whether I also offered him first refusal on the TV rights to the book.

After Lil read my response to his letter she said she does not believe he did not get the letter I wrote him to which I refer in which I did not agree to his saying that I had agreed to let him use this material in his biography of Hoover. I was more polite in telling him that he lies. About this and about not getting my letter.

Independently we both concluded that his intent is to steal.

If I am not able to complete the book the rights go to Hood and I therefore call your attention to it this way.

After getting his first letter misrepresenting the agreement that has not had any standing for a long time because he did not keep his part of it I wondered whether he arranged for his agent, the well-known and successful Sterling Lord, to lose interest in the project. He did have someone call me to say he'd be in touch the next week, that he was interested, and then only silence.

There was no point in that phonecall that I canxex see if Lord were not interested.

In the event they consider Sunday the last day of the week, reference to his letter and my comment, it is past 8 p.m. and he has not phoned to say he is coming with our transcribing machine.

I'm not prepared to not believe his account of the failings of the woman he had working for him when he returned to Ireland but I regard it is not relevant because he should have returned the machine months earlier and certainly before he returned to Ireland and, failing in that, he should have seen to it that his assistant, Cathy Castle, had the time before she left, in the last minute, to resume he teaching job in a British college or university.

He didn't even let her have enough time for the social visit she'd planned.

If and when he responds I'll send you the exchange.

Best,

Harold